

**BURIEN BUSINESS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BEDP)
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: November 2, 2007

Time: 7-8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Harvey Aulgur, Rick Cosgrave, Nancy Damon, David Elliott, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Michael Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Mark Minium

Excused Absentees: Mary Averett, Kevin Fitz, Karen Lautermilch, Doug Moreland, Jane Voget

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager

Guests: Patty Sader, Interim Executive Director, Discover Burien

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:05 a.m. by City Manager, Mike Martin

Minutes: The Minutes from October 26 will be presented for approval at the November 16 meeting.

Chair's Report – Kevin Fitz

No Chair's Report today.

City Manager's Report – Mike Martin

Mike brought everyone up-to-date on the developing situation at Lora Lake.

Economic Development Manager Report – Dick Loman

Dick updated the members on the status of the TOD and Hotel projects in downtown Burien.

Discover Burien Report – Doug Moreland/Patty Sader

Interim Executive Director Patty Sader discussed the successful Halloween events sponsored by Discover Burien including the First Avenue band concert and children's petting zoo on Sunday, designed to bring shoppers back to First Avenue despite continued road construction activities.

Retreat Discussion

Mike Martin facilitated a round the table continued discussion concerning the members' thoughts as to the vision and role of the BEDP going ahead. Examples of "vision" statements from selected companies and institutions were presented for consideration, and the distinction between vision, mission and values we should protect along the way were discussed. The group identified its past role as providing advice to Council, acting as a sounding board, helping with community outreach, making recommendations, taking the pulse of the community and acting as a conduit and as an informal network. The question, "Do we produce a product" was asked. Answers included information, recommendations, annual report to Council, selling general policies and directions, "we are not here to implement," and develop compelling ideas about future economic development.

Another question: “What is staff’s role?” Answer: To provide information on initiatives and bring to BEDP early – bring us problems and seek our input, advise Council, provide direction to BEDP, including work program, but without manipulation. Another question: “What should Council expect from us?” Answer: Best educated, non-partisan thinking and private sector solutions, with freedom of expression.

Future Agenda

Continue with the vision and role of BEDP discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 a.m.